

Remarks

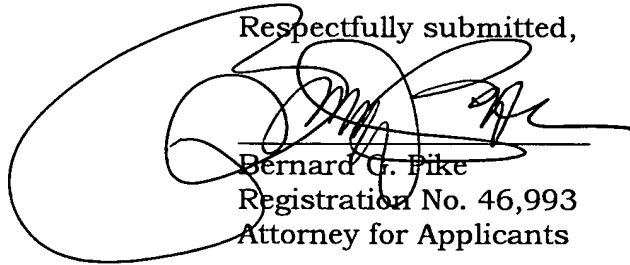
The present Preliminary Amendment adds a paragraph to properly claim priority from an international application and the original United States provisional application.

During the international examination, the Authorized Officer states that the International Searching Authority found multiple inventions and that the link between the three inventions forming a single inventive concept is the photoluminescent dye. She further states that she believes that the since the polymeric form of the dye is known from United States Patent No. 6,127,693, that the link between the claim sets in not novel. Applicants disagree that the stated references disclose a "polymeric form" of the dye and that a polymeric form of any substance could destroy the novelty of a nonpolymeric compound. The subject application discloses and claims a photoluminescent article. The International Search Report listed four references disclosing polymers, United States Patent Nos. 5,328,809, 6,127,693 and 6,368,732; and International Publication No. WO 98/41065, that are indicated to be of particular relevance, and that the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Authorized Officer. The arguments of the Applicant are outlined in the enclosed Reply to Invitation to Pay Additional Fees in International Application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims presented herein are fully supported by the application as originally filed and that all claims of the present application should be held patentable. Accordingly, passage of the claims to allowance at an early date is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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